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PRESENT AWARD . . . Harry Gorman (right), vice president and general manager of Great Lakes Properties, Inc., presents the November Citizen-of-the-Month award to Peter Gravett, a Los Angeles police officer, during ceremonies at a Torrance Chamber of Commerce luncheon Friday. Mrs. Gravett is at her husband's side. The San Pedro resident was honored for his heroic efforts in saving a youth from a mob attack near the Los Angeles Coliseum. Gravett was injured in the incident and was off work for 11 days. (Press-Herald Photo)

Yorty Sees Crime As Major Problem

By JERRY REYNOLDS
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Growing lawlessness on the nation's streets was cited by Los Angeles Mayor Samuel Yorty as the major problem of the big cities Friday in an address to members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

"There is no problem quite as perplexing as the growing lawlessness in our cities," Yorty declared. "We have reached the point where crime is actually getting beyond our ability to control it."

Yorty blamed the increasing crime on subversive activities and increasing concern with technical points of law by the nation's courts.

"PEOPLE are naive if they fail to judge how subversives have made inroads," Yorty declared. He said the communists have made the policeman a target because "he is the bulwark against whom

the communists must succeed."

"That was the objective then, is now, and never has been renounced," he said.

But the controversial mayor also placed some of the blame on the courts. A special target was the series of decisions which have tightened rules in criminal proceedings and ruled out the use of confessions unless the criminal has been advised of his rights not to speak and to have a lawyer present when he is questioned.

THE COURTS have reversed convictions on technicalities, Yorty declared, and "forgotten the victims."

He accused the courts of "changing the rules in the middle of the game," thereby confusing the young officers "who don't know the rules."

"Some courts have forgotten the victims and are playing with the rules," he said. (See YORTY, Page A-2)



MAYORS MEET . . . Mayor Albert Isen (left) greets Los Angeles Mayor Samuel Yorty on his arrival at the Torrance Municipal Airport Friday. Yorty addressed some 300 persons at a luncheon meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. He arrived in this city by helicopter. (Press-Herald Photo)

Suspect Arrested for Murder of Area Youth

Murder Charge Filed

A 21-year-old Los Angeles man Thursday was charged with murder in the birthday slaying of Johnny Rivera, 20, of 2130 Del Amo Blvd.

Alfred Tovar, of 1125 E. 23rd St., Los Angeles, was charged with one count of murder and one count of attempted murder in a complaint issued by the District Attorney's office.

Torrance police arrested Tovar about 1 p.m. Wednesday near Jefferson Boulevard and Grant Street in Los Angeles. Tovar fit the description given by guests attending the party.

HE HAS been identified by witnesses to the shooting, police said.

The youth is accused of killing Rivera at a birthday party held in the slain youth's honor Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Torrance Labor Temple.

Another victim in the shooting melee was Ysidro Ramirez, who was in fair condition at Harbor General Hospital following emergency surgery.

THE SHOOTING followed a heated argument during which Rivera tried to chase Tovar and a companion out of the hall, police said. Witnesses told police that after five shots were fired, the two assailants fled in a black sedan.

Joins Glee Club

Art Kassenbaum, son of F. A. Kassenbaum of 17003 Ardath Ave., has been selected to be a member of the Men's Glee Club at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

OF PLANNERS

New Sign Law Wins Approval

A new sign ordinance was approved by the city's Planning Commission Wednesday evening following a lengthy debate on several sections of the proposed law.

The commission voted to send the ordinance to the City Council and recommended that it be adopted with "all available speed."

Wednesday's action ended more than a year of debate over the ordinance at the Planning Commission level, but by no means did it end the debate about the new law.

LEO SALISBURY, chairman of the Torrance Merchants' Sign Committee, said his group would submit its own version of the law to the council for consideration.

Salisbury described the commission version as a "Frankenstein Monster." He said "vagueness and unreasonableness" in the proposed law "will come back to haunt it, the city, and its citizens."

Key provisions in the new law place primary responsibility for signs on the individual property owners; provide for an appeal to the City Council on all Planning Commission decisions involving signs; and increase the membership of the Sign Review Committee by one member.

THE NEW member would represent the business community and be selected by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

All signs which do not conform to the standards set forth in the law would have to be removed within four years.

Several ideas offered by the merchants' committee were incorporated into the ordinance, but the group declared the law still is unacceptable to the business community.

Trustees To Meet At North

The Torrance Board of Education will meet at North High School, 3620 W. 182nd St., tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

This is the second meeting to be held at one of the Torrance high schools so that the public may attend a meeting close to home.

Other meetings, which are open to the public, are held in the board room in the district central office, 2335 Plaza del Amo, the first and third Monday night each month.

Agendas for the meetings are available at all branch libraries in Torrance the Friday preceding each meeting.

More than \$1,000 worth of jewelry and appliances were stolen from the home of Thomas J. Satterlee, 22926 Felbar Ave., sometime Nov. 14-15 while Satterlee was in Bakersfield. Police said burglars apparently broke and upstairs window to gain entrance.



LIBRARY BENEFIT . . . Four hundred dollars from Las Vecinas will pay for plenty of new books at the Torrance Public Library. Mrs. Don Malone, club president, presented a check for the amount to City Librarian Russell West last week. (Press-Herald Photo)

Strike Talks Continue At Dow Chemical Plant

Talks between the AFL-CIO Chemical Workers Union and the Dow Chemical Co. reportedly are continuing in an effort to halt a threatened strike against the Torrance plant.

Some progress has been reported by federal mediators. The plant produces most of the napalm used by the Armed Services in Vietnam.

Local 598 of the American Chemical Workers Union has scheduled a strike for tomorrow morning if a contract agreement is not reached.

Lester Huling of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service said negotiators had made some progress in the talks. "It's a good sign as long as both sides keep talking," he added.

Renewal Suit Delayed . . .

A hearing on a taxpayers' suit to halt a special election on urban renewal in this city was postponed again Friday. Judge Ralph Nutter of the Los Angeles Superior Court set 10:30 a.m. next Friday to hear the matter. He ordered both sides to file additional written briefs with him by Tuesday. The suit, brought by Mrs. Velma Shelbourn and J. B. Mosley, asks the court to declare invalid a petition signed by nearly 16 per cent of the city's voters. The measure, which calls for repeal of the ordinance establishing the city's Redevelopment Agency, was to have been placed before voters in a special election until Judge Nutter issued a temporary restraining order last Oct. 31.

Refinery Unit Explodes . . .

Fire caused by a split tube in a heating unit caused an estimated \$12,000 in damage to a jet fuel hydrocracker Friday afternoon at the Atlantic Richfield Refinery in the Carson area. A car was severely damaged in the fire. No injuries were reported in the 1:18 p.m. explosion and fire. It was quickly contained by automatic fire fighting equipment and 11 county fire units. The refinery is located at 223rd Street and Wilmington Avenue. Flames were visible for several minutes from throughout the surrounding area.

Cityhood Election Slated . . .

Voters in the Carson-Dominguez area will vote Feb. 6 on the issue of cityhood. The Board of Supervisors Thursday officially set the Feb. 6 election date following a hearing in which one protest against the proposed incorporation was lodged. Voters will have a choice between "Carson" and "Dominguez" as the name of the proposed city.

\$8 Million Hospital Dedicated

Dedication ceremonies for the ultra-modern Memorial Hospital of Gardena, located at 1145 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., were held Friday, opening the way for the admission of the hospital's first patients within a week.

The new facility, first phase of the proposed Gardena Medical Complex, aims at the total well-being of a patient—not just his physical health. The cold, sterile atmosphere of many hospitals has been replaced with cheerful decor and an attractive entryway.

Hospital visitors are greeted by a lake and fountain, framed by a landscaped garden. Water will cascade to a height of 30 feet, with multi-colored lights continuously playing on the droplets. This fountain was designed to give a soothing, musical effect in addition to its visual beauty.

OUTSTANDING medical feature of the Gardena hospital is a Siemens cobalt unit—one of five in the United States. Because it is the only unit of its kind in Los Angeles County, the German-made device will make Memorial Hospital a cancer treatment center serving the entire area.

The seven-story facility is a proprietary hospital equipped to accommodate 238 patients. It is completely air conditioned and oxygen will be available to all patients.

Built at a cost of \$8 million, the hospital features a department of nuclear medicine, an intensive care unit with cardiac monitoring, and an entire floor devoted to surgery. There are also departments of obstetrics, radiology, physiotherapy, pulmonary, respiratory, and pediatrics. A clinical laboratory and a research division add to the services offered by the hospital.

Public facilities include a pharmacy, public cafeteria, 80-seat coffee shop, and gift shop.

The hospital was first envisioned five years ago by Dr. David M. Brotman, president of the board. He chose to dedicate the facility to his mother, who passed away earlier this year. Dr. Brotman said he also had the privilege of dedicating a Culver City hospital to his late father several years ago.

DR. BROTMAN is head of the Brotman Foundation, a non-profit organization devoted to assisting physicians doing research in their fields. Hospital administrator will be Dr. Sydney S. Rooth.

Future plans for the medical complex call for the building of a Memorial Hospital Medical Center on the east side of the new hospital and a 250-bed extended care facility on the west side. A 400-car garage, is also on the drawing boards.

THE EXTENDED care unit, scheduled to open in 1970, will be equipped to care for the chronically ill. It is designed for those who are well enough to leave the general hospital facility but are not able to care for themselves at home. Dr. Brotman noted that the extended care plan fits in well with the Medicare program for the elderly.

A ladies' auxiliary to the new Memorial Hospital is currently being organized. Those who would like information about the group may call Mrs. Phyllis Peters at the hospital.